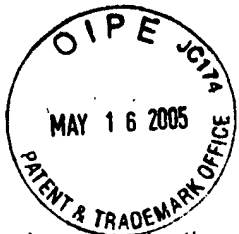


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Transmitted herewith is a **Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116** in the above-captioned application.

_____ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

_____ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

_____ A Request for Extension of Time.

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of February 15, 2004, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on May 16, 2005 (May 15, 2005 being a Sunday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this Response.